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1. Between the Hungarian cities of Pápa and Szekesfehervar, on the right side of the Danube, there is a heavy concentration of Russian troops engaged in military maneuvers. It is estimated that there are as many Soviet troops engaged in these maneuvers as were present in this particular area prior to the offensive against the Germans in the past war. The troops are composed mostly of armored divisions and airforce. One night during the maneuvers the town of Sacombathely was accidentally bombed and a number of persons lost their lives.
2. In requisitioning billets for their troops, the Russians are resorting to the system they adapted during the war of acquiring billets without the consent of the civil authorities. After the war, this system was abandoned and the civil authorities took over the responsibility of determining what space was available in the various homes and buildings. Currently, the Hungarian Communist party members approach a particular house and inquire what rooms are available. It is then determined by them how many soldiers will be billeted and the owner is forced to sign a statement that he agrees to the arrangement.
3. The Hungarian troops are being officered by the Soviets and they are receiving training under the Russian military system. There is a rumor to the effect that all Hungarian males between the ages of 18 and 30 will be conscripted to undergo this new military training.
4. Germans who remained in Hungary after the war are being deported to Russia. The Soviets are returning Hungarian prisoners of war; but, on the other hand, they are planning to deport Hungarians who were indicted in the conspiracy. It is stated that the Communists have prepared a list including 40,000 names for deportation.
5. In various towns in Hungary, Catholic youth organizations conducted anti-Communist demonstrations. A number of the youths were arrested, and it is believed that they are being deported to Siberia.
6. Hungarian postoffices have received an order that lists are to be prepared of the names of persons corresponding with individuals abroad. It is rumored that eventually correspondence with persons in America will be prohibited, and that those corresponding abroad may be in danger of arrest and deportation.
7. A great many of the Hungarians are listening to the American-Hungarian news

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broadcasts, and it is felt that this program should be extended. There is talk that the Soviets intend to counteract this program by building a station to create static disturbances.

8. The general opinion among the Hungarians is that the Russians do not intend to leave the country. One indication is that schools are being set up for the teaching of the Russian language.

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